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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No. 99,447)**

**In the Application of:** )  
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**Michael S. Borella et al.** )  
 )  
**Serial No.: 09/511,735** )  
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**Filing Date: February 24, 2000** )  
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**For: Method and Application Programming** )  
**Interface for Assigning Multiple** )  
**Network Addresses** )

**Examiner: Vaughan Jr., William C.**

**Group Art Unit: 2143**

**Confirmation No.: 5494**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Technology Center 2100**

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Response to Restriction Requirement Mailed October 17, 2003; and
  - b) Return Receipt Postcard.
  
2. With respect to fees:
  - a) No fee is required.
  - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
  
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 The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described herein-above, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this **4th** day of **November**, 2003. Express Mail No. **EV334709018US**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Wettermann", written over a horizontal line.

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Dear Sir:

On October 17, 2003, the Office mailed a Restriction Requirement, requiring restriction of this application to one of three groups, which the Examiner defined as follows:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to creating interprocess communication data structure associated with a network address on a network device, classified in class 709, subclass 227.
- II. Claims 9 and 10, drawn to allocating a memory structure in the host computer for the socket and binding the socket to a new network address, classified in class 709, subclass 245.
- III. Claims 11-39, drawn to plurality of applications on a host computer and associating a descriptor with the socket and storing the descriptor in a protocol stack, classified in class 709, subclass 230.

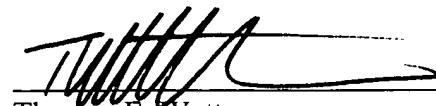
In compliance with MPEP Section 818, Applicant elects Group I without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of Claims 9-39 in a divisional application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date:

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By:



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